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Amendments

Dear Sirs,

Telephone interviews with Examiner Upton and the undersigned have resulted in the following amendments to the claims. The bulk of those discussions revolved around the SODERSTROM PCT reference ("the PCT reference"). As explained to the examiner, the Applicant has not been recently able to obtain copies of the claims under final rejection. Accordingly, the Appeal was based on the wrong claims, in error. The Examiner was able to provide copies and our thanks are extended.

The PCT reference shows a device which is similar but not identical in purpose, application or construction to the claimed invention. In order to better distinguish the rejected claims, limitations are now added to claim 33 to make explicit that the invention specifically has a floor and is not "open ended" like the PCT reference. Also added is the limitation "directly" to distinguish over the reliance on collars or clamp rings in the PCT